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| KOSUKE FUJIMOTO, ET AL.  | )                                       |
| Application No.: 10/809,540  | : Group Art Unit: Unassigned )          |
| Filed: March 26, 2004  | ·<br>)                                  |
| For: CONTROL APPARATUS CAPABLE OF LOW-SPEED DRIVING OF VIBRATION TYPE DRIVING APPARATUS, ACTUATING APPARATUS USING THE CONTROL APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD CAPABLE OF LOW- SPEED DRIVING OF VIBRATION TYPE DRIVING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM INCLUDING PROGRAM CODES CAPABLE OF REALIZING THE CONTROL METHOD | : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) |

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# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

#### **FOREIGN PATENTS**:

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| 2001-157473 | Japan   | June 8, 2001     |
| 2002-176788 | Japan   | June 21, 2002    |
| 8-80073     | Japan   | March 22, 1996   |

## **REMARKS**

The JP '473, '788 and '073 references are cited at pages 1, 2 and 5 of the specification, respectively, and the '424 U.S. patent is cited at page 3 of the specification; each is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese patent documents are not presently available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for each of the JP '473, '788 and '073 references obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

#### **FEE STATEMENT**

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

# **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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